

# Faith and Community-based Organization



## Call to Action ToolKit: HIV Awareness Days



For a list of HIV Awareness Days, please visit: <https://www.aids.gov/news-and-events/awareness-days/index.html>

<b>1</b>	<b>Hand-out red ribbons, hang posters, or post an HIV Awareness Day logo on your website or bulletin.</b>  <a href="https://www.aids.gov/news-and-events/awareness-days/index.html">https://www.aids.gov/news-and-events/awareness-days/index.html</a>
<b>2</b>	<b>Use social media, such as Facebook or Twitter, to recognize HIV Awareness Days and educate about HIV. Post pictures of your commemoration, facts about HIV, or a call to action.</b>  <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/statistics/overview/ataglance.html">http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/statistics/overview/ataglance.html</a> <a href="https://www.aids.gov/hiv-aids-basics/">https://www.aids.gov/hiv-aids-basics/</a>
<b>3</b>	<b>Engage in conversation and spread awareness about the HIV/AIDS epidemic in America in your faith house. Stigma associated with HIV can prevent members of the community from getting tested and contribute to new HIV infections.</b>  <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/library/infographics.html#youth">http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/library/infographics.html#youth</a> <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/actagainstaids/">http://www.cdc.gov/actagainstaids/</a>
<b>4</b>	<b>Take a moment in your time of worship to recognize the members of the community lost to HIV/AIDS and all those affected, recognize that an HIV diagnosis can affect an entire family. Acceptance and emotional support from the faith community could make a huge difference in a person's life.</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Reach out to a local HOPWA-funded organization to see what type of support they could use from the community. HOPWA does not pay for move-in costs such as transportation, furniture, appliances, or personal hygiene products, so this may be an opportunity to hold a drive to collect donations.</b>  <a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/grantees/">https://www.hudexchange.info/grantees/</a>
<b>6</b>	<b>Know where community members can go to get tested, and share this information. Make this information accessible to the youth, too! Youth aged 13-24 account for 1 in every 4 new HIV infections currently.</b>  <a href="https://locator.aids.gov/">https://locator.aids.gov/</a> <a href="https://gettested.cdc.gov/">https://gettested.cdc.gov/</a>
<b>7</b>	<b>Work on a recommended action in the National HIV/AIDS Strategy, updated for 2020. There is a specific call to faith leaders in recommended actions 1.C.1, 1.C.4, and 3.C.3.</b>  <a href="https://www.aids.gov/federal-resources/national-hiv-aids-strategy/overview/">https://www.aids.gov/federal-resources/national-hiv-aids-strategy/overview/</a>



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